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SUBJECT: PHASE-OUT OF TAIWAN MATERIEL AGENCY

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1. DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO TAIWAN FOR CLOSING OF TAIWAN MATERIEL AGENCY (TMA), DPTY. ASST. SECY GREINER AND GEN. EICHER MADE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE THAT ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (AMC) COULD NOT JUSTIFY RETENTION OF AMC PERSONNEL AT TMA FOLLOWING FINAL PHASE-OUT. POSSIBILITY OF ROC REQUESTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER AN FMS CASE FUNDED BY THEM WAS DISCUSSED, BUT BY END OF VISIT THERE WAS NO INDICAATION THE CHINESE INTENDED TO REQUEST SUCH ASSISTANCE.

2. THERE ARE OTHER AMC PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN ATTACHED TO ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN TMA, AND CHINESE WERE TOLD THAT THOSE PERSONNEL COULD PROVIDE OCCASIONAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE AND INTERFACE WITH AMC. CHINESE WERE ALSO TOLD THEY COULD, AS NECESSARY, REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF AMC FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND LIMITED TIME PERIOD.

3. CURRENT TMA US STAFF CONSISTS OF 14 MILITARY, 40 CIVILIAN, AND 7 LOCAL HIRE. WITH FORMAL CLOSING JUNE 30, TMA IS NOW ENGAGED ALMOST ENTIRELY IN PROPERTY DISPOSAL. TARGET DATE FOR FINAL DEPARTURE OF ALL USE PESONNEL IS SEPT 30.

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